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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the words in the answer to clause (*e*) to (*g*), ' subject to the maximum of half the net cost to the management,' in the second paragraph, may I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether that position applies also to the boarding grants to European schools ? " 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" The hon. Minister referred to the standard of living. Under what standard of living does he expect a child to live at 4 pies a day, an Indian child in an orphange ? (Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar . ' Starving standard '). Four pies is the price of a cigarette."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I should like to know from the hon. Doctor whether it is good for a child to smoke cigarettes."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Does he expect a child to live on the value of a cigarette ? That is what I want to know."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I just ask the hon. Minister whether after this question came before the Council some time ago, he has taken any definite steps actually for raising the rate ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As a matter of fact, last year we got a little more sum than was put in the budget for the year before."

Civil Justice

Alleged irregular attendance of the District Munsif of Bapatla.

* 428 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to ascertain from the Judicial Department of the Guntur district and state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the then Principal District Munsif of Bapatla Mr. V. V. Subba Rao Pantulu used to leave the office at 12 noon every day from 9th June 1928 till 22nd June 1928 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he used to get the plaints and office registers to his house for signature ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a pro-note in a plaint sent to his house for signature was not to be found ;

(*d*) why he left the office every day at 12 noon ever since he got the orders of promotion as Sub-Judge ; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a statement of work done by him from 9th June 1928 to 22nd June 1928, showing the number contested and uncontested original suits, the number of suits adjusted out of court, compromised. withdrawn, and " no instructions " and place it on the table ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government do not consider it necessary to call for the information. They trust that the High Court will look into the matter. A copy of the question and of the answer will be forwarded to it.

Delay in the disposal of cases in courts.

* 429 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to the debates on 20th March 1928 regarding the delays in the disposal of cases in courts—

(*a*) what steps Government are going to take or to induce the High Court to take to reduce the delays ; and

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(b) whether Government have decided to depute a Judge of the High Court or any other competent judicial officer who is both capable and quick in the disposal of cases to inspect mufassal courts

A.—(a) The Proceedings of the Legislative Council referred to by the hon Member have been communicated to the High Court.

(b) The Government have recognized the necessity for inspection of mufassal courts by Judges of the High Court Owing to arrears of work in the High Court, there appears to be no possibility of such inspection being undertaken for the present.

Forests

Levy of penning fee in the forest districts of Kurnool.

* 430 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether inquiries have been instituted in regard to the levy of the penning fee of eight annas per cattle in addition to the grazing fee of eight annas in the forest districts of Kurnool; and

(b) if such inquiries have been instituted, what action the Government propose to take to mitigate the hardships of the ryots?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know whether Government is considering this question only with reference to Kurnool or with reference to other districts also?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Only with reference to Kurnool."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know whether they will consider it with reference to the other districts also?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I shall consider the question."

Reservation of additional blocks of forests in Rampa.

* 431 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the proposals for the reservation of the additional blocks of forests in Rampa now are; and

(b) whether objections have been invited to the proposed reservation and if so, when and with what result?

A.—(a) The preliminary survey has been ordered of certain blocks in order that they may be notified for enquiry and settlement as reserved forests under the Forest Act.

(b) The Forest Act provides for the giving of notices, and enquiry into, and decision of, claims and objections. That stage has not yet been reached.